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Recent headlines have been preoccupied with financial disaster in the housing market. Exorbitant loans for over priced McMansions were given simply by signing on the dotted line. No earnest money, no down payment, no surety was brought to the table by buyer. So when variable interest rates skyrocketed the monthly payment the whole financial structure came crashing down like a house of cards. It wasn't built on a solid foundation of surety. Last year around Easter members of theological left stated that if Jesus never really raised from the dead that it would not make any difference in their Christianity. But I submit to you that w/o the resurrection of Jesus C. like an over inflated housing market, Christianity crumbled to the ground. 1 Cor 15:13. But the proofs of His resurrection are the Surety that Jesus is who he claimed to be. E.C.

I. From His Presence we have the Surety of His Power - vs 36-38 Luke, in his wording, seems to emphatically state that Jesus was suddenly standing before them. These few verses bear witness to the divine power of Jesus.

A. Omnipotent Power - vs 36 They knew that Jesus was powerful by His words + works but this manifestation of divine power was far beyond what they had ever seen. Blind to see, lame to walk, these don't seem to hold a candle to resurrection power. Miracle of all miracles, ^{of divine power} Greatest manifestation.

B. Omnipresent Power - Previously in this chapter we have the Emmaus road encounter where Jesus presents himself to two dishhearted disciples, before that we see him at the tomb w/ Mary Mag. And now suddenly

in this upper room and suddenly He appears. Omnipresence
C. Omniscient Power - vs 37-38 "thought arise in heart"
Upon his sudden appearance... Peace be... but peering
into their hearts he knew their thoughts. Heb 4:13
Rev. 2:23 The very power of God to penetrate the heart
As he has done time + time again he presents himself as God!

II. From His Presence we have the Surety of His Proofs - Have
you ever been spooked by some old ghost story. They
thought (as they were walking on water) He was a ghost, apparition but
A. Physically Proven - vs 39-43 This was the flesh-and-
bone physical body of Jesus. Alive and warm, having the
haunting marks of crucifixion. Touch me handle me.
He's no ghost but alive. Not only touch but ate. How
in the world can the liberal that Jesus Resurrected was imagined
when the scripture falls over its self to prove a literal ph^{Resurrect} ^{sight}

B. Prophetically Proven vs 44 - His proofs not one-sided
not just physical but prophetic. Time + Time Jesus made claims
concerning his resurrection. Mk 8:31, Jn 2:19, Mt 16:21, 17:23, 20:19
Luke 9:22, 18:33. According to Deu 18 all prophecies of a Prophet of God
came to pass. He is the prophet of God. Then he goes on to say
that he is the fulfillment of entire OT (3 parts) All point to Him!

C. Personally Proven vs 45 - All the proofs in all the world
are in vain less God opens the eyes of blindness and
reveals the truth to our hearts. And when that happ
ens, the scales fall from our eye and we
wonder why we had not seen it sooner! One writer
said "The world's greatest geographer cannot show us

III. From His Presence we have the Surety of His Procedure
With his resurrection presence, he brought with him

1 Corinthians 15:17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

Every Christian can draw from the **Surety** of Jesus Christ resurrection **Presence** by banking on the 5 sureties found in our test.

Hebrews 4:13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

Revelation 2:23 And ...all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

Ge 3:15; Ge 49:10; De 18:15; Ps 68:18; Ps 118:22; Isa 7:14;
Isa 9:2; Isa 53:2; Isa 61:1; Jer 23:5; Eze 17:22; Mic 5:2; Zec 3:8;
Zec 9:9; Mal 3:1

... show us the way to God, and the world's best psychiatrist cannot give us a final answer to the problem of guilt. There are matters contained in Holy writ that "unveil" for us that which is not exposed to the natural course of human investigation."

Isaiah 53:3-5 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Psalms 16:10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Acts 17:30-31 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Matthew 9:6 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

Jeremiah 31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Ezekiel 11:19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:

Jeremiah 32:39 And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:

insight and instruction concerning his Gospel.
A. His Death on Golgotha vs 46B - Behave? I remember
meanings from my mother, "I would behave you to do so & so."
mean "in my best interest, Misuse. Behave - to be necessary for."

It was not in his best interest to die on cross (maybe our best interest)

It was necessary, for Him, no other kind for kind. Fulfillment of Scrip

B. His Defeat of the Grave vs 46C - It was necessary not only to die, but to be raised. To leave Christ in grave would place him on the shelf with every other exceptional dynamic revolutionary in history. But to raise himself from the grave sets him apart as God in flesh. Fulfill scrip

C. His Declaration to the Globe vs 47 Upon these two insights are built the instructions to be given to his disciples. A message is given and to be relayed starting from Jerusalem, to all the nations on Globe. A message of turning to God from the gods of this world. And receiving forgiveness

D. His Disciples for the Going vs 48 The means of the message is the disciples listening. They are to trumpet the glad tidings to all the Lands. This commission was given to individuals not institutions, a character not a crowd, a being not a business, too follower not a foundation. ^{Great Commission not suggest}

IV. From His Presence we have the Surety of His Promise

As you get to know a person, the more they keep their word the more you trust. Kept promise of resurrection now makes another sure promise

A. The Promise of a New Covenant - Notice words

"promise of father" This promise of the Father was the promise of a new Covenant. Jer 31:33 Eze 11:19 Jer 31:34 Upon the regeneration of the individual God places within us that new heart to desire to keep his commands. He

15. The Promise of a New Comforter - These same verses speak also of a new Spirit. The same spirit that came intermillerly in O.T. Now comes to reside + empower the new covenant subject. Came to pass at Pentecost. Always take note that when the great commission is given the great comfort ^{comes} ^{after}

V. From His Presence He has the Surety of Our Praise
I could not leave this out. Because of His great Sureties given us, he must have surety from us. The Surety of Our Praise.

A. Praise Him with our Bowings vs 52A the word "worship" here means to crouch to prostrate on ground, to adore. Because he is the risen Saviour, God of every God, let us show before him ^{see muslims how...} Bow in our worship, bow in our obedience, bow our lives, service.

B. Praise Him with our Bliss vs 52B - We glorify him and praise him in our Joy! He lives He live today! Does he live within your heart? Then notify your face and ^{praise} Rejoice oh Christian lift up... Romans 14:17 says that...

C. Praise Him with our Bond vs 53A The "they" of vs 52 stretches into 53 as they were together continually in the Temple. There is a universal church but it manifests itself in local NT churches. 1 Jn 3:14 It is the mark of Believer, ^{a divine one then never} I would not give

D. Praise Him with our Blessing vs 53B - The word blessing refers to our language concerning God. Means to speak well of. Does that characterize your talk of God? Are you ^{your conversation} hallowing God? Or do you bless his sweet name with

VI. Closing - When you walk out that door today - carry w/ you some sureties, some earnest figures, some down payment that your faith is not built upon some flim-flam shakely house of cards but upon the rock solid surety of the resurrected presence of Jesus!

Romans 14:17 ...the kingdom of God is not meat and drink;
but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

1 John 3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto
life, because we love the brethren...